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Subject	Rule Reference
Dialysis Service, Cubicle Sizes	1998 Minimum Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan Section 7.14.B3
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Interpretive Bulletins are released by the Health Facility Engineering Section to clarify sections of the 1998 Michigan Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan and when research, experience, or technology illustrates present regulations do not adequately address the specific instances or circumstances in the health care environment.

Individual patient treatment areas shall contain at least 80 square feet (sf) for chairs and 100 sf for beds/stretchers. There shall be at least a 4 foot space between beds, stretchers and/or lounge chairs, with a minimum of 4 feet at the foot of each bed, stretcher, or lounge chair.

This is interpreted to mean that **the specified cubicle clear floor area is to be exclusive of circulation floor area or shared service areas** within the room because the functions relating to circulation and shared support services within the room should not:

1. Impact the patient care related functions within the cubicle space;
2. Require violation of a patient's visual privacy.